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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 696
By Miller J

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Ron Braam on being named the recipient of the William F. Johnson, Sr. United Way Community Service Award

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Mr. Ron Braam, who was recently awarded the William F. Johnson, Sr. Community Service Award by the United Way of Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, the highest individual honor bestowed by the United Way of Bradley County, the William F. Johnson, Sr. United Way Community Service Award recognizes those outstanding volunteers who have contributed their services to the United Way and their community; and

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WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the business community, Mr. Braam serves with acumen and alacrity as the Chief Executive Officer of Manufacturers Chemical LP and as the President of the Synalloy Corporation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his generous monetary contributions to the United Way, Ron Braam has dedicated much of his time and energy to the organization in various capacities, including being a member of the Fund Distribution Panels, a Campaign Solicitor, a Divisional Chairman, an Executive Committee and Board member, and a Blue Ribbon Committee and Pillars Club member; and

WHEREAS, he also diligently served as the United Way Board Chairman in an impeccable manner in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braam also serves the Bradley County community through his work with the Junior Achievement program, the Bradley Healthcare Foundation, the Cleveland State Community College Foundation, the Tri-State Exhibition Center, the Cleveland/Bradley Solid Waste Task Force, the Cleveland Associated Industries, Goals 2000, the Cleveland/Bradley Keep America Beautiful, and the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, for his meritorious service to the people of Bradley County, Mr. Braam has received numerous awards and commendations, including the Cleveland Sertoma Club Service to Mankind Award, the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Person of the Year Award, the Robert Varnell Leadership Award, the M.C. Headrick Free Enterprise Award, the Heart of Cleveland Award, and the Wilson Ledford Award for Service from Bradley Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ron Braam has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and is an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his unswerving reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person, Mr. Braam often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ron Braam is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Mr. Ron Braam on receiving the William F. Johnson, Sr. United Way Community Service Award and thank him for his outstanding service to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.